

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 13, 2006

Arthur Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The Clerk read the roll with 28 present and 2 absent being Curran and Cryor-Burgweger.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dalton, seconded by Francois to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 9-1-06

Resolution Concurring With the Annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Supporting the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's EDA Application for Economic Development Planning Funds

WHEREAS, the southwestern Wisconsin region, comprised of the counties of Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland, is an Economic Development District as designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, this designation qualifies the counties and area communities for grant and aid assistance available through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) provided that a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report has been prepared and approved on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission have prepared an annual CEDS report for 2006-2007 which outlines an economic development strategy for southwestern Wisconsin for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the commission staff have worked extensively with local government officials in Green County to identify the most pressing economic development needs of the county and to seek solutions for meeting those needs; and

WHEREAS, the regional planning commission adopts the CEDS as its guide for economic development planning and promotion of southwestern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Green County Board supports and participates in the economic development district activities of the regional planning commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Green County Board hereby concurs with the 2006-2007 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy report prepared by the commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Green County Board supports the commission's application for EDA economic development planning funds for the coming year.

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Harvey Mandel, Chair

Arthur Carter

Sue Disch, Vice-Chair

Dennis Everson

Dave Rufenacht

Motion by Mandel, seconded by Everson to adopt Resolution 9-1-06. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 9-2-06

Resolution Supporting Proposed Expansion of the State Highway 11 Corridor

WHEREAS, the State Highway 11 corridor is a major east-west thoroughfare that traverses Green and Lafayette counties, passing through or near the cities of Brodhead, Monroe, and Shullsburg and the villages of Browntown, South Wayne, Gratiot, and Benton; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway 11 corridor does not provide a transportation route necessary to support planned and anticipated growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, expansion of State Highway 11 will support the retention of existing business and industry and expansion would create a direct cost effective link to and from geographic markets to the east and west; and

WHEREAS, an improved route will assist in attracting new business and industry through the safe, efficient and effective transfer of goods and services providing the region with the opportunity to expand on its agricultural, manufacturing and tourism bases; and

WHEREAS, expansion of State Highway 11 to four lanes will make Wisconsin a more attractive location for business and industry seeking to locate in a market with a quality labor force that is relatively near the Chicago metropolitan area without the need to invest heavily in schools and other facilities that already exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board finds the development of a four-lane highway on State Highway 11 would be in the best interest of the citizens of Green County and the surrounding region and provide an improved quality of life from the opportunities derived from its construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Green County endorses the concept of constructing a four-lane expansion of the State Highway 11 corridor between Janesville and Dubuque to provide for the increased economic development, transportation and safety opportunities that such a project would provide.

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Ray Francois, Chair

Steve Stettler

Harvey Mandel, Vice-Chair

Don Timm

Calvin Wickline

Motion by Timm, seconded by Disch to adopt Resolution 9-2-06. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A presentation on Green County's Space Needs was given by Thomas Poweleit and Gary Jaeger of Venture Architects, followed by questions from board members. Monroe Mayor Ron Marsh also spoke briefly.

Motion by Cousin, seconded by Hoesly to approve the following travel requests: Kathy Hartwig to attend the Property Lister Association Fall Conference on September 20-21 in Wausau; a Jail Sergeant attend the annual Jail Conference on November 8-9 in Baraboo; Chris Beer to attend the Fall County Veterans Service Conference on September 25-29 in Hayward; Mindy Allen to attend a Homeland Security Exercise Design and Evaluation Course on October 2-5 at Volk Field; Kathy Wegehaupt and Kris Gunderson to attend the annual DHFS Long-Term Care Conference on October 9-10 in Wisconsin Dells; RoAnn Warden to attend the Wisconsin Well Woman Program on October 10-11 in Stevens Point and the Wisconsin Mid-America Public Health Leadership team kick-off conference on October 24-27 in St. Charles, IL. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Under announcements, the board was advised that the next meeting would be held on the third Tuesday of October, October 17, due to budget process.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Timm to adjourn. Motion passed.

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COUNTY OF GREEN)

I, Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Green County, Wisconsin, on their meeting of September 13, 2006, A.D.

Michael J. Doyle
Green County Clerk